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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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FOR DISTRIBUTION OF  
BANDWIDTH IN A SWITCH**  
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**BOX PATENT APPLICATION**

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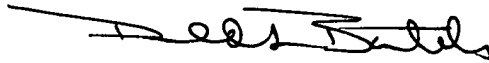
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Respectfully submitted,



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